

PATROL NEWS

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“Over 90 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



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From the Staff ...

Major Ben C. Jones
Support Services Bureau



Since becoming a bureau commander, I have traveled to conferences across the country on several occasions. Individuals from all walks of life and from across the nation approach me to compliment how our agency operates. They have questions about our agency, and each question is asked in a way that conveys their deepest respect of our employees and traditions.

Quite often, the person to whom I speak is hoping to duplicate our self-sustaining motor equipment program within their own agency. Others wish to discuss how well our members conducted themselves during the various periods of civil unrest in recent years. I also receive many compliments regarding how sharp our members look as they serve and protect our citizens. These conversations have shown me how well respected our agency is across the country.

At a recent American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' Conference, Assistant Director Dennis W. Richardson (Q/DVSD) presented information regarding changes to the commercial motor vehicle driver skills testing. His expertise was evident and impressed conference attendees. The same respect was evident at yet another conference regarding members of our Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. I am positive there are many examples of members and civilian employees providing their expertise to other law enforcement agencies.

This level of respect from outside our agency inspires me to continue learning and growing as a member of the Patrol's Command Staff. These conversations remind me how very proud I am to be a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and to be a part of something larger than myself.

I'm sharing these experiences with you in the hope that it will encourage you. Not only does the Patrol's Command Staff appreciate the work you do, but many outside Missouri recognize your professional excellence.

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division is working hard to find qualified, talented professionals for the many member and civilian openings. I hope all of you will help with this endeavor. Wherever you see a prospective co-worker, please take time to share with them why they should seek a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each of us carries the responsibility of recognizing the kind of talented professionals we need to recruit in order to continue our deep tradition of excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben C. Jones".

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Social Media Snapshot



This fella visited the GHQ campus and provided several fun pictures for our social media on December 20, 2022.

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Commercial Vehicle Officer Gabby Herzberg (C) joined the Patrol in 2017 because she wanted to be part of the team that enforces safety on Missouri's roads. She said she likes, "Feeling like my job makes a difference in protecting people that are traveling the roadways." She appreciates additional training opportunities and wants to continue increasing her knowledge of the job. CVO Herzberg says the most challenging part of the commercial vehicle officer position is, "Finding ways to communicate with drivers who speak different languages and making sure they understand the process and results of the inspection." She encourages others to join her in the challenging and exciting career of commercial vehicle enforcement, which includes daily truck inspections, drug and criminal interdiction, and working beside many troopers.

"You get to meet a variety of people and help enforce truck safety on Missouri roads," said CVO Herzberg. "Being a CVO is a rewarding career and the Missouri State Highway Patrol is an exemplary organization."

"Commercial Vehicle Officer Herzberg is an exemplary employee of Troop C's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division," said Captain Ryan A. Burckhardt (C). "I appreciate her commitment to highway safety as well as her criminal interdiction efforts. She routinely looks beyond the initial stop for evidence of criminal behavior and is always willing to share her knowledge and experiences to assist others."

PERSPECTIVE

Through The Eyes Of A Child

By Tpr. R. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD)

In between coordinating logistics, people, and equipment and conversations with a local radio station, arranging advertisements for the Career Expo, my phone rang. I almost declined the call; however, the caller was my mother. Like a good son, I answered the phone and began to have a quick conversation with her and my son, who was talking in the background. I told them all about the day and how the Career Expo was going.

My son, a naturally curious five-year-old, asked, "What is a Career Expo?" After hearing my answer, he asked, "Can I come to the Career Expo, Dad?"

I thought about it for a second and said, "Of course. I know a good tour guide." Five minutes later, my mom dropped him off and we started our tour.

As we began our tour, he naturally gravitated to the helicopter parked in the front parking lot. The pilots greeted him with smiles. His face lit up as he jumped into the cockpit and began to move the controls. We moved from station to station greeting all the smiling faces. It was incredible to see his awe-filled reactions to all the people and different equipment. It was truly a kid-in-a-candy-store moment. It was obvious he viewed everyone there as larger-than-life superheroes ... Dad included. The tour reminded me of myself, when I came to the Patrol, excited for the adventure and ready to make a difference.

He tried on the Dive Team equipment, all 40+ pounds of it. Luckily, he had plenty of help to hold it up. He gravitated toward the River Pro patrol boat and was awed by how much more, "cool," the Patrol's boat is compared to ours. He scrambled into the SWAT team's Bearcat and said, "This thing is like a tank!" The Bomb Squad members answered, "What's that used for?" as he explored their equipment thoroughly. The new robot looked, "like a big, remote-controlled car."

Big Blue, the Patrol's Communications Command Center, was hard to miss in the parking lot, and my son was understandably drawn to the monitor on the side. He went up the steps and was impressed by its size. I myself was a little nervous and advised him, "Don't touch anything!"

I enjoyed seeing his awe at the Patrol's specialized equipment. I see a similar reaction from many of our applicants when they learn about the exciting career opportunities within the Patrol. As I speak with potential applicants and see their curiosity move to excitement, their reaction is contagious.

With 15 years of experience, it's a good reminder of why I chose and love this career.

Technically, the Career Expo was not a "Take Your Kid To Work Day," and it only lasted about 15 minutes. But those spontaneous 15 minutes were better than anything I could have planned. Since the event, my son has asked questions about the Patrol quite often and understands more about my career. Who knows? Maybe his questions will lead him to a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



Tpr. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD) walks with his son toward the Patrol helicopter. It was the first display to catch the young visitor's attention.

Career Expo: Teamwork Generates Success

By Tpr. R. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD)

Recruiters are continuously out in the field throughout the state looking for the best and brightest. Captain Jason M. Pace (Q/RCOD) had an idea: Why not bring them to us? Why not host an event at General Headquarters that would allow potential applicants to speak directly to employees about their prospective expertise?

When I transferred into the Recruiting & Community Outreach Division, one of my first conversations with Capt. Pace included the direction to begin organizing the Patrol's first career expo in Jefferson City, MO. Once Lieutenant Alex R. Vivas (Q/RCOD) joined the division, we were off and running. Every division was invited to participate and components with specialty equipment provided eye-catching and interest generating displays in the parking lot.

Before we knew it, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, arrived and the plan became reality. Twenty components made themselves



Tpr. Kordel Gibson (Q/RCOD) and Cpl. Tony Sandoval (Q/RCOD) speak with a student during the Career Expo at General Headquarters.

available to answer questions for approximately 200 attendees. High school students from around the state, college students from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and Westminster College in Fulton, and members of the public had an excellent opportunity to learn about the

variety of career opportunities within the Patrol. As a result, potential applicants expressed a documented interest in Driver Examination, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Human Resources, Fleet and Facilities, CJIS, and



(l to r, behind table) CJIS Tech. III Joyce Wiegand, CITS II Tyler Plassmeyer, CITS II David Akrobetu, and (in front of table) CITS II Branden Coker answer questions about careers in the CJIS Division.

Crime Lab divisions. Applicants were also interested in becoming troopers and our legal department. In addition to components, much appreciated support came from the State Patrol Foundation* and Missouri State High School

Members	Vacancies*
A	9
B	12
C	25
D	15
E	9
F	16
G	16
H	5
I	9
Gaming	18
DDCC	9
TOTALS	143

*Vacancies as of January 1, 2023

Civilians	Vacancies*
Communications (Troop)	15
CVO/CVE (Troop)	43
Driver Examination (Troop)	43
Motor Vehicle Inspection (Troop)	2
All Other Classifications (GHQ & Troop)	29

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Activities Association.

Feedback throughout the day was positive and many applicants were impressed with the wide scope of responsibilities the Patrol handles.

This event highlighted how quick Patrol employees are to volunteer their time and expertise to represent the agency. Each component created a space that was welcoming and informative for the applicants visiting them. This event was successful because of the teamwork, professionalism, and passion of our employees. The members of RCOD sincerely appreciate the depth of participation from GHQ components! You proved our belief that our employees are the best recruiters for the agency. Thank you for your resourcefulness and dedication!

“Taking an active role in attracting quality applicants to the Patrol has never been more important,” said Colonel Eric T. Olson (Q/SO). “I appreciate the great effort that went into planning and implementing the Career Expo. Troop C recently held a similar event which made a positive impact on our recruiting efforts, especially for vacancies in communications. Thanks to all for taking leadership roles in this important endeavor.”

See you at the 2023 Career Expo!

** The mission of the State Patrol Foundation is to support the Missouri State Highway Patrol by providing services, equipment, and support which might not otherwise be available to it and accepting contributions from the general public for such purposes.*



Tpr. Adam Hitt (F) and his motorcycle got a lot of attention at the Career Expo.



Asst. Dir. Michelle Pruitt (Q/BPD) introduces a group of students to the Budget & Procurement Division by showing them items purchased to keep our members safe.



A Patrol helicopter joined several other displays on the parking lot of GHQ. Prospective applicants got a first-hand look at the agency's specialized equipment.

K9 CIPO RETIRES



By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED)

At nine years old, he can boast quite a career. He was trained in article and evidence searches, as well as locating illegal drugs. On December 1, 2022, K9 Cipo (pronounced See-Po) retired after seven and a half years of service. He was a key part in numerous seizures, including several 100-pound marijuana seizures, weapons, methamphetamine, and cocaine.

One notable find was an assault rifle thrown from a vehicle being pursued by a trooper. "We had been called out to assist with the search," said Cipo's handler, Sergeant Mark A. Wilhoit (H). "I deployed Cipo and worked him along the road. It was dark and I only had a flashlight. Cipo alerted to the weapon then sat down and stared just like he was supposed to do. I was looking with a flashlight trying to see what he was alerting to. After a few minutes, I moved my light to a different angle in the brush and could see the black rifle barrel stuck in the mud like a yard dart."



Sgt. Wilhoit said Cipo is definitely a working canine, but he was good around family, too. "Cipo's personality is great. He liked to swim in our pond and would frequently jump in the pond and cool off in the warm months," he said.

Cipo participated in numerous manhunts and tracks. He was involved in numerous arrests and although he came close several times, Cipo never needed to restrain a suspect with a bite ... the suspect gave up before getting bit.

Sgt. Wilhoit and Cipo were partners since May 2015, when the Patrol acquired the K9 from Riverview



K-9 in Cape Girardeau, MO. (Cipo is originally from Slovakia.) In retirement, Cipo has become an indoor/outdoor house dog living the pet life. Thank you for your service, Cipo! #WhosAGoodBoy

115th Recruit Class Graduates

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED)



Congratulations to the 115th Recruit Class!

Friends and family of the 115th Recruit Class braved unusually cold temperatures to attend graduation December 11, 2022. With heads held high, 19 people entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy and marched to their seats. After 25 weeks of intense training, they were about to reach their goal of becoming Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers. However, before they said their Oath of Office, there were a few other items of business.



Tpr. Lyndon T. Carson accepted the Superintendent's Award having earned the most points overall. Also pictured are Col. Eric Olson (l) and Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe (r)

The Troop F color guard presented the flags, and soon-to-be Trooper Timothy J. O'Sullivan, a member of the 115th Recruit Class, sang the national anthem. Pastor Donald Carson, First Church of God, provided the invocation and benediction.

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Director Sandra K. Karsten congratulated the graduating troopers and told them they would touch many lives. "Some will leave you with memories you can never forget, and others will hold special their memory of your service." She encouraged them to continue learning and never stop planning for the 'what-ifs.'

Lieutenant Governor

Mike Kehoe provided the keynote address. After thanking the families of the new troopers, he spoke to the graduating class. "You have chosen a demanding, dangerous, and rewarding line of work. Starting the moment you took this oath you have the ability to profoundly influence lives." He encouraged them to be part of their communities and assured them, "Missourians will support you, help you, and pray for you. In every situation you face, stay true to your oath."



The recruits recite their Oath of Office and become troopers.

The Honorable Patricia Breckenridge, Supreme Court of Missouri, then administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. After the commissioning, Colonel Eric T. Olson addressed the class. He thanked them and their families for the hard work and sacrifice it took to complete the training required to become a member of the Patrol. He spoke of having conversations with each member of the class and being impressed with their reasons and motivations for joining the Patrol. Col. Olson said

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these conversations also included the core values. He then welcomed them to the Patrol family.

Trooper Jordan A. Koester served as class commander for the 115th Recruit Class. He spoke to those attending the ceremony and expressed appreciation to spouses, family members, and Academy instructors and personnel. He then told his fellow graduates, "We graduate today. We get to take the big step from recruits to troopers ... but our training isn't over." He encouraged the new troopers to continue to be eager to learn, to keep a physical fitness regimen. Tpr. Koester reminded them to, "Treat each person as if they are gentlemen and ladies ... Strive to make every contact positive."

The new troopers reported for duty in their assigned troops on January 9, 2023.



Members of the 115th Recruit Class enter the Academy gymnasium signifying the graduation ceremony has begun.

The names (hometowns) and first assignments of members of the 115th Recruit Class are listed below:

Troop A

Hunolt, Alexander C., Rutledge, MO, Zone 5, Ray/Carroll Counties
O'Hara, Colten J., Pierce City, MO, Zone 9, Lafayette County
Williams, Ty R., Granby, MO, Zone 15, Henry County

Troop B

Billings, Jorden R., Bowling Green, MO, Zone 3, Linn/Chariton Counties
Munch, Carter L., Hannibal, MO, Zone 3, Linn/Chariton Counties

Troop C

Ashley, Michael J., Jefferson City, MO, Zone 8, St. Charles County
Carson, Lyndon T., Kirkwood, MO, Zone 2, North St. Louis County
Kelly, Melissa L., Greenville, IL, Zone 8, St. Charles County
O'Sullivan, Timothy J., Imperial, MO, Zone 2, North St. Louis County
Roberts, Benjamin C., Mountain Grove, MO, Zone 1, North St. Louis County

Troop D

Daniels, Aaron B., Webb City, MO, Zone 12, Christian County

Troop E

Jones, Logan M., Miner, MO, Zone 9, Pemiscot/New Madrid Counties

Troop F

Koester, Jordan A., Coulterville, IL, Zone 15, Callaway County

Troop G

Edens, Caz A.C., Ramona, CA, Zone 5, Douglas/Ozark Counties
Poynter, Nathaniel B., Houston, MO, Zone 2, Texas/Wright Counties

Troop H

Matthews, Russell A., Fredericktown, MO, Zone 1, Atchison/Holt Counties
Tanner, Joshua M., St. Charles, MO, Zone 10, Daviess/DeKalb Counties

Troop I

Baird, Macy T., Farmer City, IL, Zone 9, Crawford County
Sutton, Logan T., Clarksville, MO, Zone 3, Crawford County

Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Diane L. Vernon

Fiscal & Budget
Analyst III
Q/DVSD



Retired December 1, 2022.
Six years, six months of
dedicated service.

Laurie C. Wall

Chief Operator
Troop H



Retired December 1, 2022.
27 years, eight months of
dedicated service.



Karen D. Bowland

Clerk Typist III
Troop A

Retired January 1, 2023.
16 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.



Karen M. Cade

DE Sprv.
Troop C

Retired January 1, 2023.
16 years, two months of
dedicated service.

Gaye A. Derousse

DE Chief
Troop C



Retired January 1, 2023.
18 years, four months of
dedicated service.

Renee S. Gentry

DE Sprv.
Troop E



Retired January 1, 2023.
13 years, three months of
dedicated service.



Dan A. Landi

Corporal
Troop H

Retired January 1, 2023.
27 years, six months of
dedicated service.



Carole L. Hobbs

Clerk Typist III
Troop C

Retired January 1, 2023.
17 years, five months of
dedicated service.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Emilio Medina

DE III
Troop C



Retired January 1, 2023.
Seven years, one month of
dedicated service.

Phil W. Morrison

Lieutenant
Q/HRD



Retired January 1, 2023.
30 years of dedicated service.

Jim A. Mulkey

Sergeant
Q/FOB



Retired January 1, 2023.
26 years, six months of
dedicated service.

Jason E. Riggs

Sergeant
Q/GSD



Retired January 1, 2023.
26 years, 11 months of
dedicated service.

M. Darrin Tackett

Sergeant
Troop E



Retired January 1, 2023.
32 years, six months of
dedicated service.

Congratulations!



Cpl. Joe Peart (I) accepted the 2022 John Michael Letz Award. This is the highest honor presented in connection to the Law Enforcement Torch Run by Special Olympics Missouri. The organization describes the award as its "unsung hero award."

Five-Minute Stop Yields Huge Meth Stash

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED)

On November 29, 2022, Corporal Timothy A. Barrett (D) was working traffic on Interstate 44. He was stationary when he observed a large sport utility vehicle traveling visibly faster than other traffic. When the vehicle passed his location, Cpl. Barrett checked its speed by radar, which indicated the vehicle was traveling 76 mph in a 60-mph zone. Cpl. Barrett caught up to the vehicle and stopped it at the 82-mile marker. When the driver began telling Cpl. Barrett a story that didn't quite match what he could see in the vehicle, he asked the driver for consent to search. The driver was quick to consent and opened the hatch to reveal the three large moving boxes. The more than 170 pounds of methamphetamine, three guns, and small amount of cocaine in the boxes was then seized and the driver arrested. (Interesting side note: Two of the guns were 3-D printed guns, thus had no serial numbers.)



K9 James sits with over 170 pounds of methamphetamine his partner, Cpl. Timothy Barrett, seized during a traffic stop.

K9 James was with his partner at the time of the stop, and enjoyed being in the photos. However, the case was made on consent. “A canine presence does tend to change people’s behavior whether they are deployed or not,” said Cpl.

Barrett. “It was a relatively quick case, maybe five minutes from stop to arrest. We didn’t try to make it happen fast; it just fell in our lap that way. It’s a relatively short story for such a large seizure.”

Excellent work, Cpl. Barrett!

You're Invited!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri. This awards banquet is open to all The MASTERS members, MSHP employees, and their guest/spouse.

In the past, the fee has been \$40 per person, and we anticipate the same for the 2023 event. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Redel at (573) 526-6159 or mary.redel@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

Patrol History Trivia

This chart appears in the “Summary, Motor Vehicle Operation” for 1951. It was compiled by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Department of Finance and Statistics. The summary includes charts showing the cost of motor vehicle operation for all Patrol vehicles listed by troop and SHP number, the cost of motor vehicle operation by make, and a breakdown of costs by troop. Mr. Jim Harris donated the report to the Patrol archives. His mother, Jane Porter, worked for the Patrol as an intermediate clerk and created the summary as part of her duties. Mr. Harris said his mother was very proud of her work at the Patrol.

Vehicle Make	Miles Traveled	Fuel Used	Parts & Labor Cost per Mile	MPG	Total Cost	Cost Per Mile
Pontiac Coach	51,193	3,631	\$ 0.00184	14.1	\$ 1,132.67	\$ 0.02213
Chevrolet Coach	5,069,322	334,821	\$ 0.00453	15.14	\$ 118,644.90	\$ 0.02340
Chevrolet Coupe	101,526	326	\$ 0.00697	16.05	\$ 2,397.41	\$ 0.02361
Chevrolet Stationwagon	10,502	710	\$ 0.01501	14.79	\$ 389.60	\$ 0.03710
Chevrolet Panel Truck	45,186	3,564	\$ 0.00578	12.68	\$ 1,156.75	\$ 0.02560
Chevrolet Sedan	26,455	1,820	\$ 0.00227	14.54	\$ 620.19	\$ 0.02344
Ford Coach	1,822,934	126,263	\$ 0.00545	14.44	\$ 45,393.47	\$ 0.02490
Ford Coupe	63,294	4,144	\$ 0.00430	15.27	\$ 1,438.13	\$ 0.02272
Ford Sedan	35,885	2,852	\$ 0.01726	12.58	\$ 1,424.61	\$ 0.03970
Mercury Coach	60,785	4,482	\$ 0.00405	13.56	\$ 1,539.09	\$ 0.02532
Oldsmobile Coach	69,731	5,014	\$ 0.01193	13.91	\$ 2,232.51	\$ 0.03202
Oldsmobile Sedan	57,285	4,047	\$ 0.00466	14.15	\$ 1,646.35	\$ 0.02874
Plymouth Coach	12,879	958	\$ 0.00359	14.49	\$ 328.48	\$ 0.02367
Harley-Davidson Mtr. Cycle	9,196	219	\$ 0.01563	41.99	\$ 221.47	\$ 0.02408
All Motor Vehicles	7,537,173	498,851	\$ 0.00493	14.91	\$ 178,565.63	\$ 0.02401

YOUNG SUPERHERO VISITS GHQ

Four-year-old Talon recently stopped by General Headquarters to donate superhero capes for the 20th Annual Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive. Talon hopes the capes will bring a smile to the young crusaders and help them find **inner strength** and **superpowers** as they fight their medical challenges. Pictured with Talon are (l to r) Capt. John Hotz (Q/PIED), Lt. Eric Brown (Q/PIED), and Lt. Collin Stosberg (Q/ESB). (Special thanks to Ms. Belinda Branson for making the capes!)



PLWM: We Each Play A Vital Role

By Personnel Analyst II Caitlan L. Elley (Q/HRD)

I was fortunate enough to be selected to attend the 7th Police Leadership - The West Point Model (PLWM) Class this past fall. Over the course of the training, we learned about ourselves, our teams, and the organization. During week one, we dove into leadership, attributions, biases, equity, cognitive evaluation, job design, integration, motivation, individual differences, expectancy, motivation, and followership. Week one focuses on oneself and how you fit into the equation of what your role is at the Patrol. This really opened my eyes to differences between individuals, and how each of us plays a vital role ensuring we meet our vision and mission.

During week two we explored groups, which included topics such as group structural dimensions, socialization, group decision making, cohesion, and transformational leadership.

Transformational leadership was impactful and a great lesson for the current and future leaders of our organization. In addition, we learned that leadership is far deeper than just obtaining a title. When we are leading, we are leading people. As leaders we need to invest in our people and ensure that they are successful in their positions, while meeting the goals of the organization. Whether positively or negatively,

always keep in mind that as leaders you are impacting the future of your people.

During week three, we explored topics related to the organization, such as stress and resilience, culture, ethical climate, leading change, and communication and counseling. The impact each of us have for this organization, whether you are a civilian or a member, is huge. We must keep the foundation of our agency strong through living our core values, vision, and mission every day. While none of us are perfect, I take great pride in the fact that our organization has a culture facilitating the public's well-being. I also take great pride in the fact that we, together, make

Missouri a safer place to live and visit.

I was surprised by the opportunities for growth attending PLWM revealed, not only for myself, but the organization as well. A unique aspect of this training was to have attendees from other agencies. We heard different perspectives from around the country and gained insight that we otherwise would not have had. For myself, the most beneficial aspect of PLWM was bringing members and civilians together to learn from one another. The open dialogue of the course facilitated deep conversations that may otherwise not be had elsewhere within the Patrol. We were able to interact with one another and get to know each other for who we are, rather than our titles. The relationships forged during PLWM will last a lifetime. If you are looking for a challenge, something different, and an opportunity to make an impact in this organization, I would encourage you to attend PLWM. If you are open to the process, this course will impact your life.



During the second week of PLWM, Chief Zim Schwartze, Missouri Capitol Police, gave us an exclusive tour of the Capitol! We were able to visit the dome and the whispering gallery.

MSHP Spreads Holiday Cheer

On December 3, 2022, several Troop F employees braved the cold to walk in the Jefferson City (MO) Christmas Parade. The agency sent its A-game—the new Dodge Durango and Ford F-250 pickup truck pulling a Donzi patrol boat could be seen a block away. The crowd reaction was often awe at the size of the Donzi and delight with the lights added for this event.



The Patrol provided a Dodge Durango and a Donzi patrol boat to wow the crowd.

Tpr. Brant Masek (F) and Tpr. Brandon Harris (F) extended holiday greetings as they gave out stickers along the route.



Tpr. Mike Malone (Q/ RCOD), Cpl. Tye DeCramer (F), Tpr. Brandon Harris (F), Tpr. Brant Masek (F), Cpl. Derek Shikles (F), and CDL Exam. Aud. Bradley Peters (Q/DVSD) walked with the Patrol vehicles/vessel handing out the ever-popular, Christmas-themed junior trooper stickers.

MSHSAA Honors MSHP

The Missouri State High School Activities Association presented a 2022 Distinguished Service Award to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on December 3, 2022. Captain John J. Hotz (Q/PIED) accepted the award on behalf of the department. A MSHSAA spokesperson said MSHSAA was pleased to recognize and celebrate its long-standing partnership with Patrol employees.

The Patrol's partnership with MSHSAA provides troopers opportunities to interact with youth in a nonenforcement capacity and helps forge positive relationships. The agency's employees also have the opportunity to volunteer in their community through MSHSAA. In their off-hours, Patrol employees can be found waving a snap flag at cross country meets, raking sand and moving hurdles at track meets, guiding coaches and players between locker rooms, interview rooms, and fields or courts, staging sports

media, or collecting statistics. Patrol employees have served or currently serve Missouri high schools as registered officials in basketball, football, and soccer. Since 2001, the Patrol has provided a color guard to present the flags at state championship games. From trooper to retiree, Missouri State Highway Patrol employees serve MSHSAA the way it serves the citizens of our state, with integrity and commitment. Most recently, the Recruiting and Community Outreach Division has expanded this long-time partnership to continue strengthening relationships with



Missouri's young people and their families to show them the over 60 career opportunities—ways they could make a difference in their community.

Class Of 1962 Holds Reunion

By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper

The Patrol's Class of 1962 met October 20, 2022, at Mallard's Restaurant in Clinton, MO. Only seven were able to attend, but as long as several show up, we will keep meeting. Ret. Capt. Shay East made the arrangements this time, and we all had a lot of fun talking about the old days. Pictured are Ret. Sgt. Harold Shelton, Ret. Sgt. Rex Barnett, Ret. Sgt. Myron Garrett, Mr. Leland Curtright, Ret. Capt. Shay East, Ret. Capt. David Cook, and Ret. Sgt. Larry Cooper.



House Of Representatives Recognizes Cpl. Bradley

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED)

At 4 p.m., the last bell rang loudly in the hallway indicating the House of Representatives was now in session. It was January 17, 2023, and this session began much like any other. The speaker tapped the gavel and called them to order. After an opening prayer, the entire room shifted, placed their hands over their hearts, and said the Pledge of Allegiance. The first order of business was to approve the House Journal from January 12. Once it was accepted and voted on, special guests were introduced, and noteworthy announcements shared. All throughout, the hum of multiple conversations occurring around the room and the almost festive atmosphere added to this unique experience.

When the floor yielded to Representative Don Mayhew, he asked everyone to turn their attention between the pillars to his left and welcome Corporal C. Nate Bradley (A) and his wife, Tina. Rep. Mayhew presented a resolution to Cpl. Bradley honoring his tenacious work ethic, investigative skills, and willingness to assist others. The resolution highlighted Cpl. Bradley's hundreds of auto theft investigations and recoveries and the fact that he had recovered 305 stolen vehicles in the Kansas City metropolitan area



Col. Eric Olson, Cpl. Nate Bradley (A), Major Scott Schipers (Q/ESB), and Lt. Eric Brown (Q/PIED) posed for this picture after the resolution presentation.

in 2022. The House of Representatives burst into applause at the announcement.

As other guests were introduced and announcements were made, a small group of people then took pictures off to the side to mark the event.

Congratulations, Cpl. Bradley, and thank you for the reminder that one person truly can make a difference!



Rep. Don Mayhew and Cpl. Nate Bradley (A) paused for a picture before the presentation.

DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know the meaning of the word "patrol?" According to the December 1987 *Patrol News*, former Missouri Secretary of State James Kirkpatrick came across a definition and shared it with Colonel Howard Hoffman. Kirkpatrick "noted it was probably what the Patrol did back when it was established." Patrol is from the old French word patouiller, "to paddle through puddles" or "dabble in the mud." It was one of the disadvantages encountered by soldiers who reconnoiter in the field or make the rounds at night.

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Bobbi J. Tyler



Bobbi J. Tyler, 55, of Belle, MO, died Friday, November 18, 2022, at her residence surrounded by her family. Bobbi was born August 13, 1967, in Rolla, a daughter to the late Robert Westerhouse and Peggy (Land) Westerhouse.

Bobbi was a lifelong area resident and a 1985 graduate of Belle High School. On August 24, 1985, she was united in marriage to Tracy Tyler at the wilderness church in Silver Dollar City. Tracy survives of their home near Belle.

Bobbi was employed at the Osage County Sheriff's department as a radio operator for three years before going to work for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Bobbi was employed at both Troop F and Troop I for 19 years and was the assistant chief operator at the time of her death. She was a hard worker and loved what she was doing, and hardly ever missed a day of work, even through her chemotherapy.

Friends and family would say she was a little bull-headed and would definitely tell you what she thought. She loved travel, whether it was on cruises or the yearly trip to Sturgis on the back of Tracy's Harley. Bobbi was baptized recently. She absolutely loved spending time with her family and especially her two grandchildren. She will be missed tremendously by her family, friends, and anyone who knew and loved her.

Bobbi is survived by her husband, Tracy; her mother, Peggy Westerhouse, of Belle; two sons,

Cole and his wife, Cpl. Ralicia Tyler, of Belle, and Dalton Tyler and his wife, Frankie, of Winter Haven, FL; two grandchildren, Grayson and Emalynn Tyler; one sister, Michelle Tinker and her husband, Scott, of Bay St. Louis, MS; her mother-in-law, Shelby Michel; and a granddoggy, Hailey Jo, as well as many extended family members and friends.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by two nephews, O'ryon Guinn and J.P. Tennyson, and an uncle, Joe Stoehr.

Visitation for Bobbi occurred Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the First Baptist Church in Belle. Her funeral services took place Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at the First Baptist Church with Kevin Runge officiating. Interment was in the Liberty Cemetery. The family suggests expressions of sympathy be made to the Liberty Cemetery. The Patrol family extends their sincerest sympathy to the Tyler family.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Cpl. Ralicia A. Tyler (I) - mother-in-law
CDL Exam. Aud. Bill S. Cantrell (D) - wife
DE Chief Jennifer M. Whiting (A) - father
Lt. Brian E. Jones (D) - father
Cpl. Chad W. Walton (B) - father
Ret. Lt. Dan S. Bracker - father
Ret. CLD Exam. Aud. Linda J. Byrd - father
DE III Amy E. Lester (D) - mother
Comm. Oper. III David R. Caban (F) - mother
DE III Brittany L. Ackerman (D) - grandmother
Tpr. James P. Lewis (E) - grandfather
Ret. Asst. Garage Supt. H. Wayne Dawdy - wife
Ret. Clerk Typist III Mildred K. Schulte - husband
Ret. Sgt. Joseph L. Steward - wife

CVO Donald J. Hartmann (F) - father
Bldg. & Grnds. II Kevin Taylor (H) - grandfather
MVI Analyst Toko S. Coale (Q/DVSD) - mother-in-law
DE II Christina R. Edwards (E) - father-in-law
Tpr. Chris W. Harlan (F) - father
Ret. Sgt. Lewis W. Hodge - son
Tech. III Roger D. Branson (Q/PRD) - mother
Tech. III Melanie R. Branson (Q/PRD) - mother-in-law
Ret. CVE Insp. III Billie E. Johnson - wife
Sgt. Alan R. Sullivan (F) - father
Cpl. Chris J. Sullivan (H) - father
CVO Lance J. Estes Jr. (A) - father
Ret. DE Sprv. Tom J. Hearn - daughter

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Jason O. Vandiver



Jason O. Vandiver, 40, of Gideon, MO, died Monday, November 14, 2022, at his residence. The son of Judy and Kenneth Tarkington and the late Johnny O. Vandiver, he was born February 16, 1982, in Kennett, MO. In 2016, Mr. Vandiver began working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle officer. He was assigned to Troop E.

He is survived by one daughter, Riley Paige Vandiver; his parents, Judy and Kenneth Tarkington, of Gideon; two sisters, Lisa Jo Parker, of Risco, MO, and Kimberly Tarkington, of New Madrid, MO; one brother, Kenneth Ray Tarkington Jr., of Gideon; an uncle and aunt, Ken and Rose Marie Pruitt, of Arnold, MO; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Vandiver; grandparents, Glonda and Johnnie Baney, and John Franklin and Mattie Vandiver.

Visitation took place Friday, November 18, 2022, at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Malden, MO. Funeral services followed in the chapel, with Mr. Ken Pruitt

officiating. Mr. Vandiver was buried in Stanfield Cemetery in Clarkton, MO. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Vandiver family.

Deborah Willoughby



Deborah Willoughby, 75, of Belle, MO, died Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at University of Missouri Hospital. She was a lifelong resident and a graduate of Belle High School. At the age of 61, she earned a degree in criminal justice from Columbia College, proving that you're never too old. Deborah was employed at Walmart, worked as a secretary at Woodland Real Estate, and after obtaining her real estate/broker's license opened Crossroads Real Estate in Belle. Deborah worked at the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 2005 to 2016, and retired as a division secretary. After retirement, Deborah enjoyed her role as a substitute teacher both for the Belle and Fatima school districts. She is survived by one son, one daughter, and four grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Kirby, and

sister-in-law Mitzi. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Osage County Regional Vet Clinic in Linn, MO, or the Liberty Church of Christ in Belle. To learn more about Deborah, visit the Sassman's Funeral Services Inc. website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Willoughby family.

Howard L. Mease



Howard L. Mease, 79, of Cape Fair, MO, died at home November 8, 2022. He was a 1961 graduate of Galena High School. He was married to Ruth Ann Holt and together they had two children. Mr. Mease joined the U.S. Navy in 1964 and served on a nuclear submarine before he completed his service in 1968. Immediately, he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 37th Recruit Class. He served the state of Missouri until 1995, when he retired at the rank of sergeant. On July 3, 1999, he and Rayla Jo Snider Allen were married. Survivors include his wife, Rayla, two daughters, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers, other relatives and many good friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, sister-in-law, and

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his parents. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Camp Cumberland in Greenfield, MO, through the Adams Funeral Home. To learn more about Mr. Mease, visit the Adams Funeral Home website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Mease family.

James G. Watson



James G. Watson, 80, of Jefferson City, MO, died peacefully Friday, November 25, 2022, at Capital Region Medical Center. Jim was a graduate of Smith-Cotton, Class of 1960, and enlisted with the Missouri Army National Guard from 1962-1982, retiring as a chief warrant officer. In 1965, Jim joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol and attended the Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 29th Recruit Class. He served for 35 years in both Troop A, Lee's Summit, MO, and General Headquarters, Jefferson City, MO, before retiring as a captain in 2000. At the time of his retirement, he was the director of the Public Information and Education Division. Many in the community have fond memories of Jim overseeing "Otto-the Talking

Car" at the Missouri State Fair for many years. Jim is survived by three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Kay (Bax) Gibson. Those who wish to remember Jim in a special way may make gifts to Primrose Retirement Center (Jefferson City) Activity Fund. To read more about Jim, visit the Heckart Funeral Home website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Watson family.

Lena M. VanHouden



Lena M. VanHouden, 78, died peacefully December 13, 2022, at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, MO, with her family by her side. On March 9, 1963, Lena and Boyd VanHouden were united in marriage in Ava, MO, and to this union they were blessed with two children, Kalynn and Jason. Lena retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Troop D) as a special assistant after 35 years of dedicated service. Lena was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three siblings, and a grandson. She is survived by her

two children, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three extended grandchildren and numerous people she loved and adored. The family indicated memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information about Lena, visit the Clinkingbeard Funeral Homes Inc. website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the VanHouden family.

Claude L. Harlan



Claude L. Harlan, 82, of Macon, MO, died unexpectedly Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Samaritan Hospital in Macon, MO. C.L. worked for over 35 years as a communications operator with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He is survived by his wife, Lettie, of the home, two sons (Tpr. Chris W. Harlan (F) and Warren Harlan of Broken Arrow, OK), four grandchildren, and other extended family members. The family suggests memorials to the Missouri State Troopers Association (missouritrooper.com). For more information about C.L., visit the Summerville Funeral Home website. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Harlan family.

Thank You

My entire family and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, and messages during the illness and passing of my mother-in-law, Asst. Chief Oper. Bobbi J. Tyler (I). We appreciate all of you checking in on us and your continued support as we process the loss of a true servant. Bobbi enjoyed her career with the Patrol. Her true passion was helping people.

*Thank you,
Cpl. Ralicia A. Tyler (I)*

The Vincent Sullivan family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, calls, messages, cards, flowers, and memorial donations after the passing of our father. Your sympathy and compassion was appreciated and helped us through this difficult time.

Sgt. Alan R. Sullivan (F), Cpl. Chris J. Sullivan (H), and the rest of the Sullivan family

Thank you to our Patrol family for your prayers and support celebrating the blessings of Kathleen. Like a lot of spouses, she was called on by neighbors for information and assistance in times of need. Every decision from my joining the Patrol to how we would serve was made and supported by her. Some of her best friends and memories were connected to the Patrol. Thank you for honoring her. Our family was very touched by your support.

Ret. Lt. Ed Moses & family

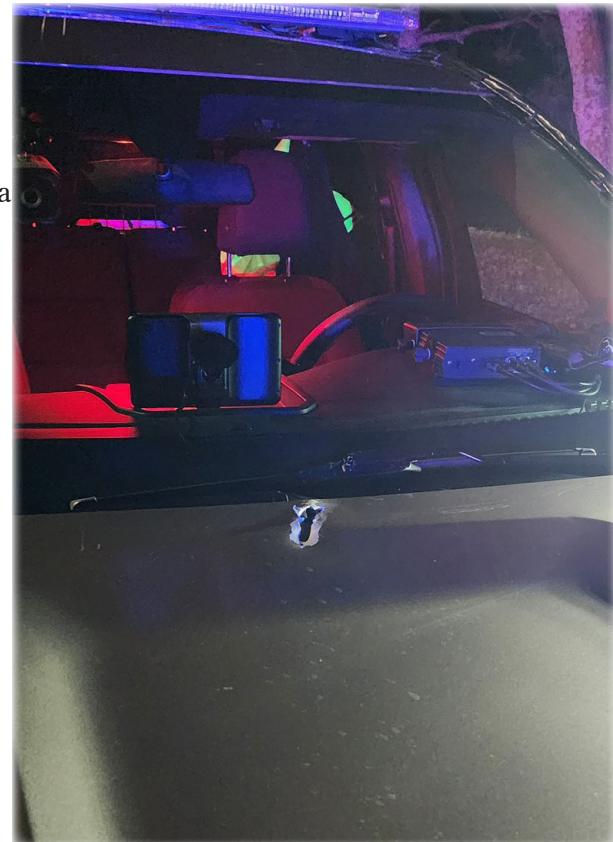
Multi-State Investigation Leads to Arrests

On Saturday, November 19, 2022, a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper attempted to stop a vehicle on Interstate 70 near Grain Valley, MO. The vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the suspects fired several rounds toward the trooper with one striking his patrol car. Neither the trooper nor any innocent bystanders were injured. The suspect vehicle was subsequently recovered and determined to be stolen.

A lengthy investigation led to three suspects being identified. The suspects were apprehended both in Kansas City, MO, and Rawlins, WY, in three separate incidents. In addition to these individuals, associates of the suspects were identified. These associates had assisted the original suspects' flight from law enforcement. A total of eight individuals were arrested on felony charges, three stolen

vehicles were recovered, two stolen handguns were located, and three suspects were charged with possession of methamphetamine. Over a dozen outstanding arrest warrants were served.

The Blue Springs (MO) Police Department, Kansas City Career Criminal Task Force, Kansas City (MO) Police Department, Carbon County (WY) Sheriff's Department, Rawlins (WY) Police Department, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, and Dickinson County (KS) Sheriff's Office assisted with this investigation. The interagency cooperation during this investigation led to its success.



This picture shows the bullet hole in the Patrol vehicle.

TROOP D HONORS CITIZEN HEROES

By Sgt. Mike P. McClure (D)

Occasionally, an extraordinary thing happens in a place where extreme circumstances and selfless humans collide. It is in this place that heroism, born from ordinary people, is given the opportunity to be released, creating a situation where ordinary people put themselves in harm's way for the good of someone or something else. These are instances where the trajectory of lives is changed or a course is altered. It's the kind of thing troopers do every day. However, this story is an account of an incident where two citizens, strangers initially, displayed fierce resolve in their attempt to save lives.

It was just after noon on July 5, 2022. Mr. Richard Mogan was driving to his home in Eldorado Springs, MO, from Springfield, MO. He had just left the doctor where he had received another round of radiation. This was his 21st consecutive daily trip for treatment. Traveling north on four-lane Missouri Highway 13 in Greene County, Mr. Mogan's car, a Mazda Tribute, traveled off the road and into the median. Mr. Mogan was in cardiac arrest and was unconscious. The grassy void between the lanes only slowed the car as it continued toward the southbound lanes.

Among all the drivers traveling along MO Highway 13 that day, at that precise time, were two unconnected drivers, who witnessed the scene unfold and recognized a serious situation. Kevin Jeffries, a truck driver from Blue Springs, MO, stopped



Mr. Richard Mogan (r) shakes hands with Mr. Kevin Jeffries (l) and Mr. Justin Parrack (c).

his truck along the northbound shoulder ahead of the moving car. Justin Parrack, a Fabick mechanic from Cross Timbers, MO, parked his vehicle along the same shoulder. Both got out and ran to intercept the moving vehicle. Each believed a medical issue to be occurring and committed to resolving it. As they ran along beside the car, they attempted to wake Mr. Mogan who was unresponsive and lying across the console toward the passenger seat. They tried to access Mr. Mogan

on the passenger side, but were thwarted by locked doors. Kevin and Justin ran to the driver's side as Mogan's car was exiting the median and encroaching the southbound passing lane. On-coming traffic was taking evasive action to avoid colliding with the out-of-control Mazda and the two men trying desperately to stop it. After opening the driver's side door, the two gentlemen gained access to the passenger compartment, steered the car back onto the grass, got it stopped, and placed the vehicle in park.

After parking the vehicle, Justin and Kevin noticed Mr. Mogan was not breathing and extricated him from his car. They began cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the arrival of Ebenezer Fire district personnel. Emergency services personnel continued to administer CPR as he was transported by ambulance to



Pictured are (l to r): Mr. Kevin Jeffries, Capt. D. Scott Sater (D), and Mr. Justin Parrack after the Honorary Trooper award ceremony.

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Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Time goes by and life marched on. Both Kevin and Justin probably paused from time to time wondering how things turned out for the stranger they helped along the highway back in July. What they didn't know was Mr. Mogan had clinically died—twice. Once while driving home and again in the emergency room of Mercy Hospital. They were unaware that it was their heroic efforts that ultimately gave him another go at life.

On December 2, 2022, Richard Mogan's daughter, Lesa, shared this story in the front lobby of

Troop D Headquarters moments before they would meet Kevin and Justin for the first time. Richard, still bouncing back from the ordeal, sat beside her smiling and nodding. Richard, Kevin, and Justin along with their respective guests, were invited to an Honorary Trooper award ceremony to recognize the exemplary acts of these two men. Sergeant Mike K. Frazier (D), who had responded to the crash scene, submitted a written award request for consideration to Colonel Eric T. Olson, and it was approved. Troop D commanding officer, Captain D. Scott Sater presented Kevin

and Justin with the awards after the account of their heroism was shared with those in attendance. Two media outlets were present to document the reunion and several Patrol employees, guests, and family attended to witness something good—something rare. It was an opportunity to celebrate life and reflect on "what-could-have-been" had both extreme circumstances and these individuals not collided.

(Editor's note: Richard Mogan is now in remission and no longer requires radiation treatment for cancer.)

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

50 years ago

January 1973 — The first electronic weigh scales were put into operation. The scales were located in scale houses north of Eagleville, MO, on northbound and southbound Interstate 35 in Troop H.

40 years ago

February 1983 — One story reported that Task Force Charles was activated the previous month, when it appeared there existed a possibility of

violent demonstrations at the hazardous materials landfill in Warren County. The task force included troopers from Troops B, C, E, F, and I.

30 years ago

February 1993 — Troops C and D were the first Missouri State Highway Patrol troops to apply a new statute allowing Patrol members to apply for and serve search warrants without going through local law enforcement agencies. The warrants led to drug arrests.

20 years ago

January 2003 — Patrol members and commercial vehicle officers transitioned to a newer Glock 22 .40-caliber, semi-automatic pistol during their first firearms qualifications in 2003. In the story, Sgt. Rod Land (Q/TND) indicated the swap was necessary because the current weapon experienced many broken parts.

10 years ago

January/February 2013 — The cover showed a banner declaring, "It only takes three seconds to Buckle Up, but DEAD is FOREVER. Please 'Click it 4 Life.'" The banner greeted spectators as they arrived at Hannibal High School for a basketball game during the playoffs.

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Sgt. Shoop Honored

(l to r) Colonel Eric T. Olson, Lt. Brian Anderson (B), and Capt. Erik Gottman (B) stand with Sgt. Timmy Shoop (B) (holding plaque), who was named Missouri State Team Member of the Month for October 2022. The award recognized his actions following the Amtrak train/dump truck crash in Mendon, MO, on June 27, 2022. (See story, November/December 2022 Patrol News.)

